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Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 05-309907 discloses a mechanism in which a simple structure, a thermal head is uniformly pressure-contacted to a platen roller and the alignment of the thermal head and the platen roller is made without adjustment. However, it is characterized in that a head supporting frame is mounted to a head holder.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication Nos. 2002-79701 and 2002-120446 disclose a general mechanism in which a thermal head is pressure-contacted to a platen roller.

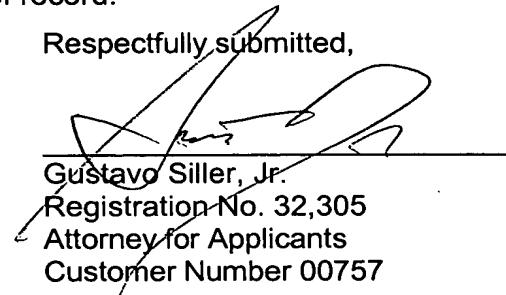
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A1	05-309907	11/1993	Japan		X	
A2	2002-120446	04/2002	Japan		X	
A3	2002-079701	03/2002	Japan		X	

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